Tollgates at Aramboly and Kuzhitturai.

68. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount of toll actually collected from the P. W. D. toll-gates at Kuzhitturai and Aramboly, respectively, during each of the years 1094 to 1101 and from the 1st Chingam 1102 to the 15th Mithunam 1102 ;

(*b*) the amount of money spent for maintaining the Main Southern road during each of the years 1094 to 1101 and from the 1st Chingam 1102 to the 15th Mithunam 1102 ; and

(*c*) whether Mr. A. Vipan, the Chief Engineer, has travelled along the Main Southern road, and, if so, on how many occasions ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) Mr. A Vipan has travelled along the Main Southern road four times.

Damage to Cultivation in Motaman Ela.

69. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware that extensive damage to paddy cultivation in Motaman Ela, in Mel-Tonnakkal *pakuthi*, Trivandrum taluk, is being caused by a big breach in an irrigation canal in that locality and that a large extent of paddy land is getting silted up ?

(2) Is it a fact that the Assistant Engineer, Attingal Sub-Division, inspected the breach and submitted estimates for closing up the same ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to issue urgent orders for closing up this breach and save paddy crops from destruction by floods ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Petitions regarding this have been received.

(2) The Chief Engineer reports that the Assistant Engineer has submitted a report. No estimate was prepared.

(3) It is reported that the breach has been closed by the ryots, and hence this does not arise.

Flogging of a Convict in the Central Prison.

70. **MR K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : With regard to the flogging of a convict as a jail punishment in the year 1101, will the Government be pleased to state the number of stripes awarded, the term of imprisonment of this convict, his age, his previous convictions, if any, his previous jail punishment, if any, and also whether the Prison Rules in relation to the infliction of whipping as a jail punishment have been duly complied with ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The number of stripes awarded to the convict was 24, the term of his imprisonment is for life, *i. e.*, 14 years' rigorous imprisonment; and his present age is

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 67.**

No. 5103/1783.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trivandrum, 21st May 1927.

To

THE PRINCIPAL,
Science College, Trivandrum.

Sub:—Admission of pupils.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in making admissions to the College this year and in subsequent years care should be taken to see that the number of students in any class does not exceed that for which there is proper accommodation.

I have etc.,
J. STEPHENSON,
Director of Public Instruction.

Appendix II A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 68.**

Statement showing the amounts collected from the Kuzhitturai and Aramboly tollgates from 1094 to 1102.

Year.	Kuzhitturai.	Aramboly.
	Rs. ch. c.	Rs. ch. c.
1094 ...	13,751- 7-0	16,697-26-8
1095 ...	14,214-10-8	14,270-10-0
1096 ...	22,003-18-0	14,265- 7-8
1097 ...	29,716- 9-8	17,812-14-0
1098 ...	26,616-27-0	17,558- 1-0
1099 ...	29,975-25-0	17,965- 5-0
1100 ...	35,705 -0-0	22,205- 0-0
1101 ...	44,150- 0-0	17,000- 0-0
1102 up to 15th Mithunam ...	55,500 0-0	21,510- 0-0
Total ...	2,71,633-13-0	1,59,284 -8-0

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Appendix II B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 68.**

Statement showing the amount spent for maintenance of the M. S. road from 1094 to 1102.

Year.	Expenditure.
	Rs.
1094 ...	48,036
1095 ...	60,248
1096 ...	65,620
1097 ...	63,424
1098 ...	57,126
1099 ...	60,413
1100 ...	58,714
1101 ...	62,749
1102 (up to 15th Mithunam) ...	57,647

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND 1—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PRESIDENT: We will now proceed to the consideration of the Demands for Grants.

The Public Works Department will occupy five full hours. The mover as well as the official members will be allowed to speak for 10 minutes. If any other member takes part in the debate, he is allowed 5 minutes.

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 30·54 lakhs under Demand 1—Public Works Department.

Motion 1.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I beg to move the following motion:—

1. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,432 for establshment by Re. 1.

This is intended as a token motion just for the purpose of discussing the desirability of placing the irrigation branch of the Kodayar Project under a separate controlling agency. I do not mean by this motion, Sir, that there is necessity for a new special staff involving additional expenditure. What I want to draw the attention of Government to is that at present there are two Subdivisions in the Kodayar Project Division for the supervision and control of 'irrigation' as well as 'communications and construction of buildings.' Both the Subdivisions have to look after 'irrigation' as well as 'communications and construction of buildings.' I seek to make out my case on the following grounds.

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